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He's here!
BASIL BRUSH
on page thirteen

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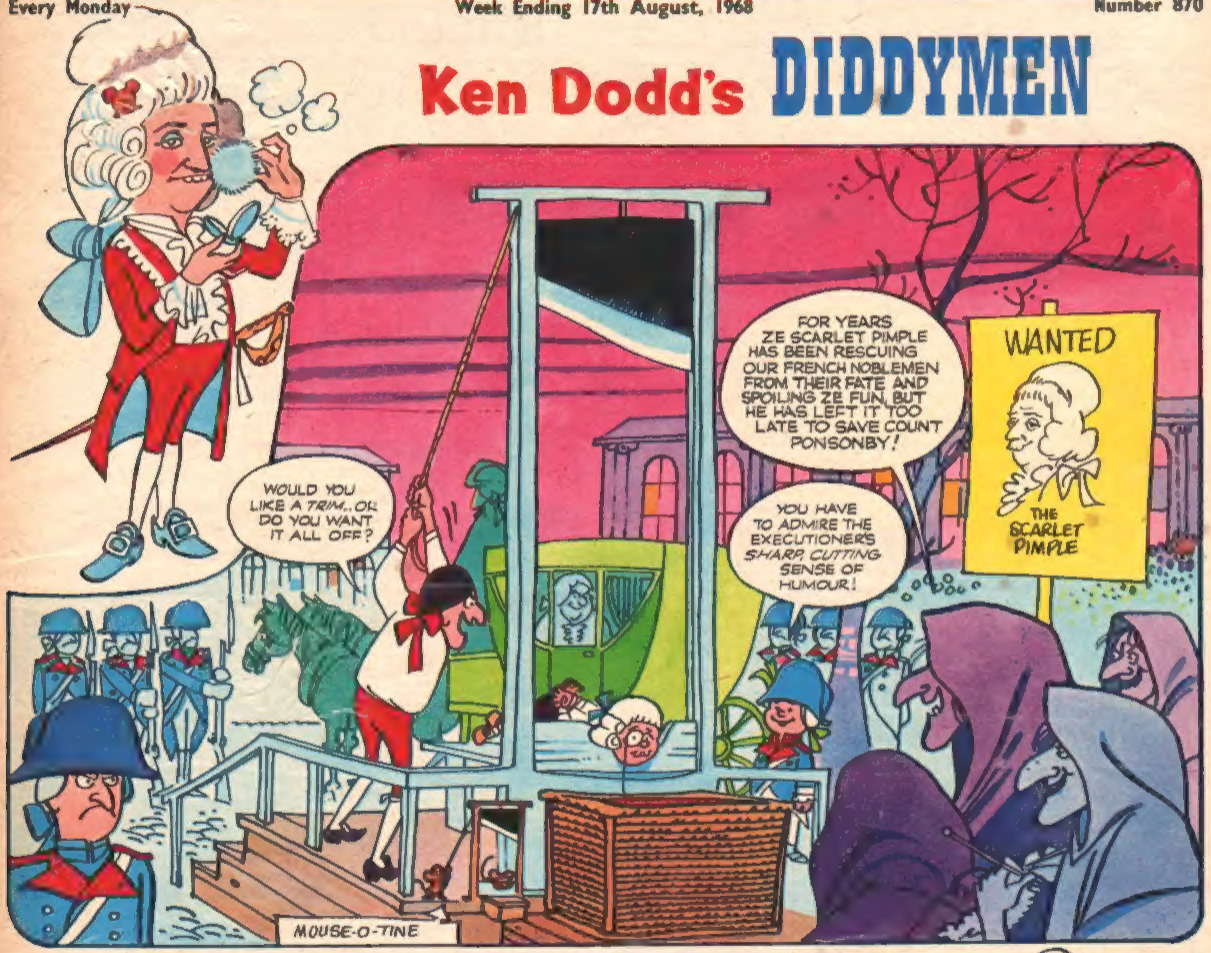
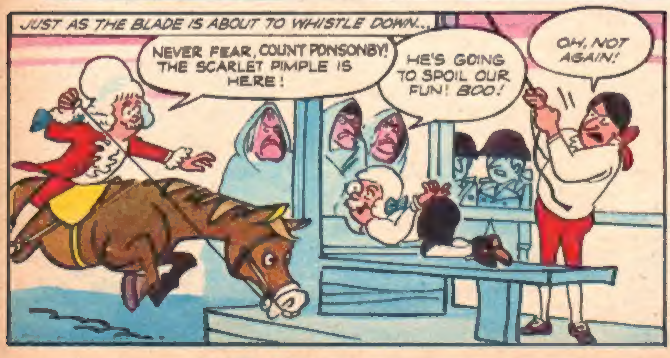
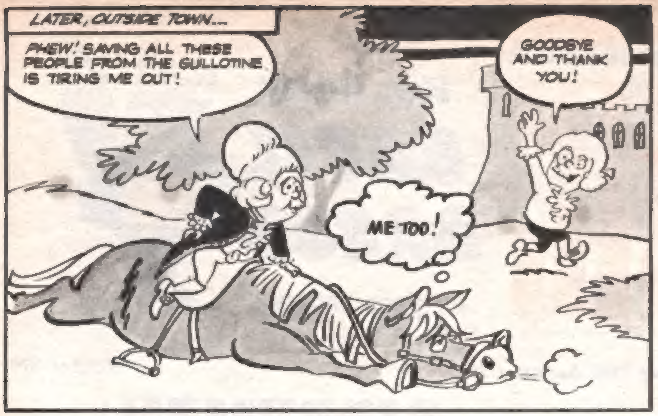
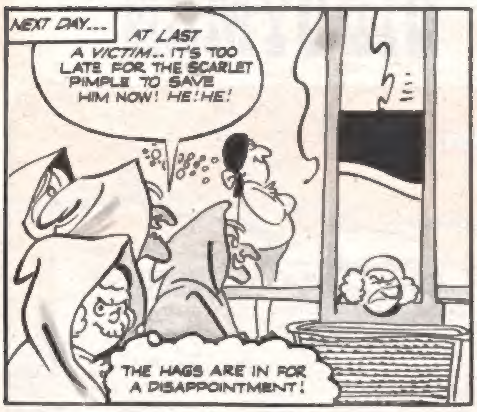
Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN

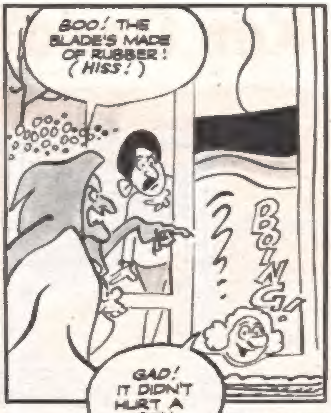

WOULD YOU LIKE A TRIM.. OR DO YOU WANT IT ALL OFF?
FOR YEARS ZE SCARLET PIMPLE HAS BEEN RESCUING OUR FRENCH NOBLEMEN FROM THEIR FATE AND SPOILING ZE FUN, BUT HE HAS LEFT IT TOO LATE TO SAVE COUNT PONSONBY!
YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE THE EXECUTIONER'S SHARP, CUTTING SENSE OF HUMOUR!
WANTED
THE SCARLET PIMPLE
MOUSE-O-TINE

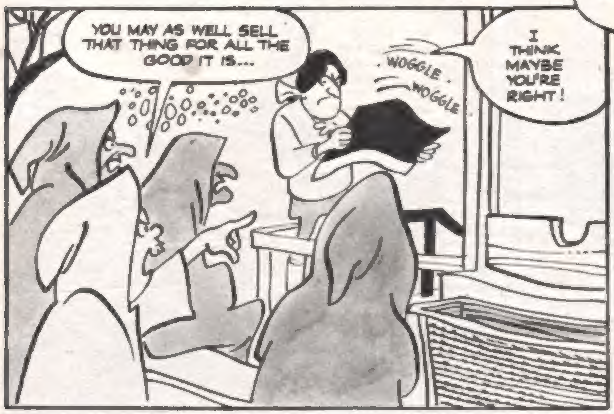

JUST AS THE BLADE IS ABOUT TO WHISTLE DOWN...
NEVER FEAR, COUNT PONSONBY! THE SCARLET PIMPLE IS HERE!
HE'S GOING TO SPOIL OUR FUN! BOO!
OH, NOT AGAIN!

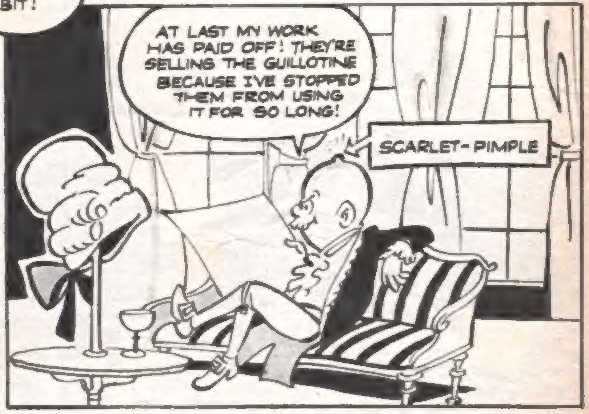
Don't lose your head — turn to page two!







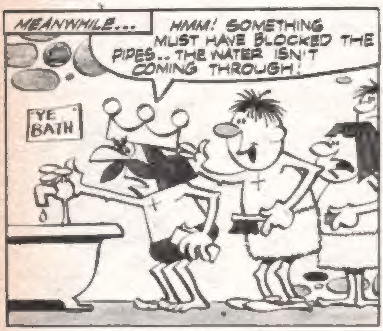


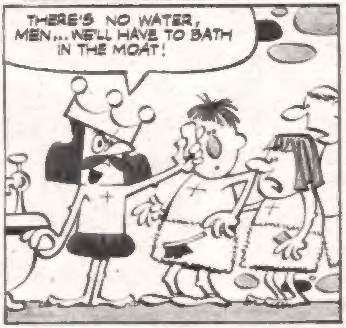

AT LAST MY WORK HAS PAID OFF! THEY'RE SELLING THE GUILLOTINE BECAUSE I'VE STOPPED THEM FROM USING IT FOR SO LONG!
SCARLET-PIMPLE

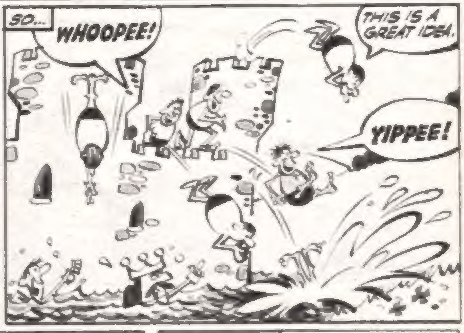
More Doddifilarity with the Diddymen next week.

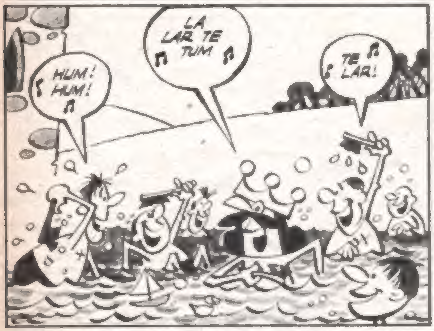
ARTHUR!

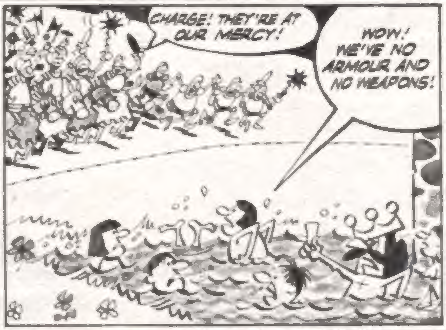
and his square Knights of the round table

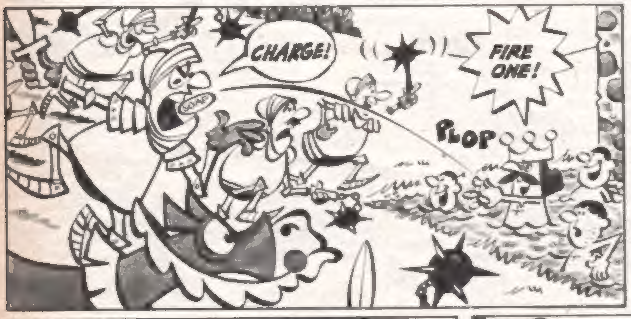


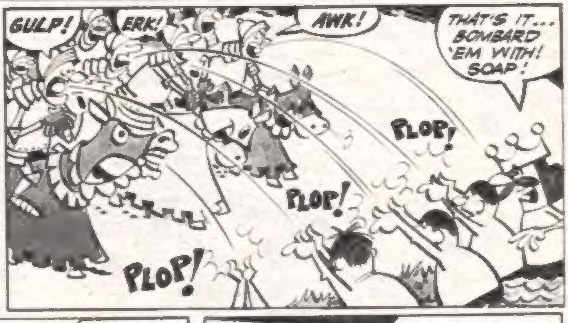


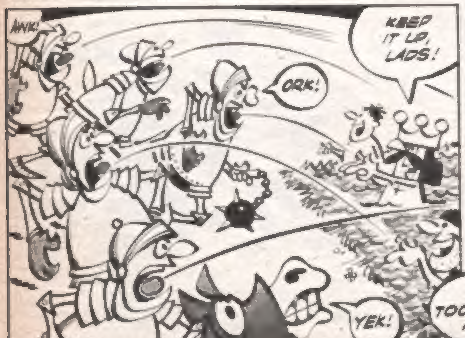


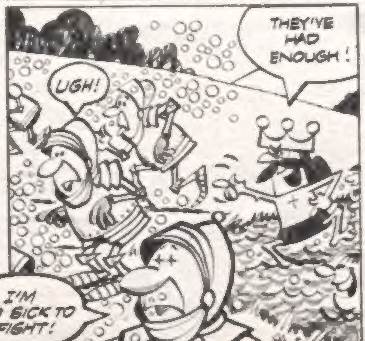


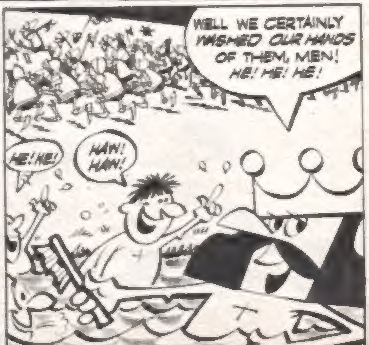










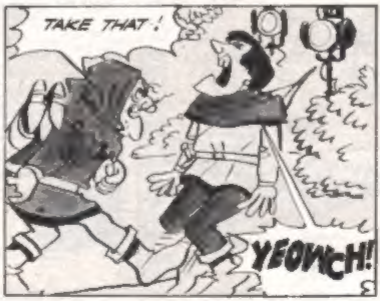


Based on the Thames Television production

It's no picnic when the Queen's 'cha' lady takes a tea-break next week!

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
HURRY, LITTLE JOHN... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET ROBIN BY THE RIVER IN HALF A MINUTE TO FILM THE LOG-FIGHT SCENE!
CALL BOY
TOO BAD.. MY STAFF'S BROKEN! I CAN'T FIGHT UNTIL SOMEONE FETCHES ANOTHER!

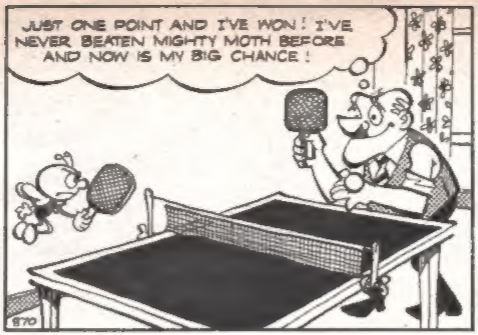
...AND DOWN BY THE STREAM...
THE SCRIPT SAYS YOU FIGHT LITTLE JOHN ON THE LOG, ROBIN...
OKAY!
SCRIPT
I'LL CROSS OVER THIS LOG AND WATCH THE FILMING!

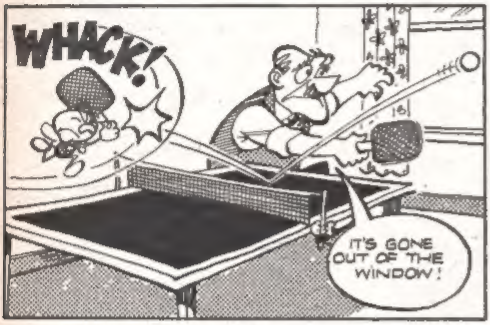


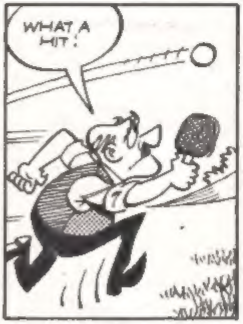
YAARGH!
BRAVO! WHAT A GREAT ACTOR, HIS YELLS ARE SO REAL!
I BET YOU WISH THOSE ARROWS HAD BOOTS ON THE END, HOPPIT? GET THE POINT? HAR! HAR! HAR!

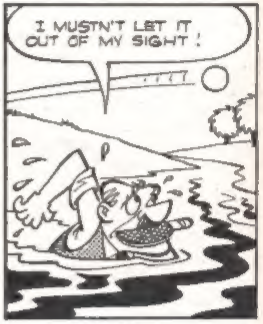
Next week Hoppit's fired when his boot flies off!

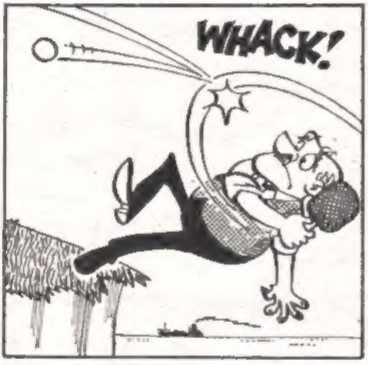
MIGHTY MOTH

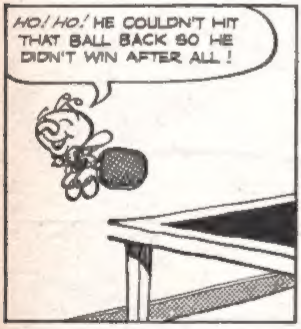


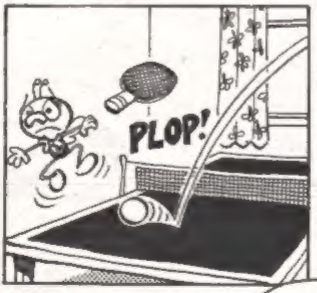


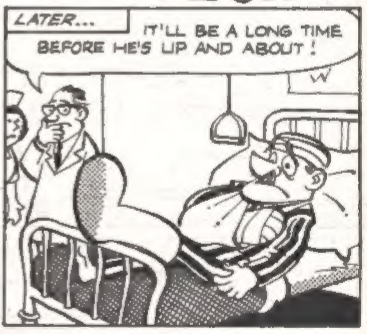


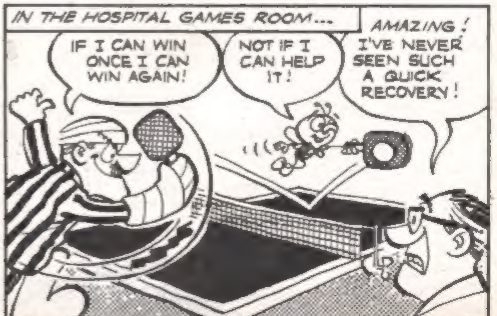












Dad's on the right track when he wins a motor race next week.

SKIPPY
the bush kangaroo

MATT HAMMOND is unaware that Sonny and Skippy are wrecked on a sandbank, as he has problems of his own. He has been testing a new liquid that is intended to drive sharks away, but the sharks do not seem to be affected by it or intent on attacking him. So Matt tells his inventor friend, Jamie . . .

WE WERE IN THE WRONG SPOT, JAMIE. WE MUST FIND THE SHARK-RUN... YOU KNOW, WHERE THEY CHASE THEIR BREAKFAST OF SMALL FISHES EVERY MORNING, AND THE CHAP TO HELP US IS JERRY KING AND HIS HELICOPTER!
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, MATT. SHARKS WON'T ATTACK PEOPLE UNLESS THEY'RE HUNGRY, THEY'RE RIGHT COWARDS, ANYWAY!

SO, AFTER AN UNCOMFORTABLE NIGHT ON THE SANDBANK, SONNY AND SKIPPY ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE THE HELICOPTER CRUISING OVER THE BAY...
HOORAY, THERE'S JERRY! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM SEE US. GET THE LAST OF THE WOOD FOR THE FIRE, SKIPPY!
SQUEAK! SQUEAK!

BUT MATT AND JERRY IN THE HELICOPTER ARE TRYING TO SPOT THE SHARK RUN...
THERE'S A CAMP FIRE ON THAT SANDBANK, MATT!
SURE, I'VE SEEN IT. BUT WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY-MAKERS, WE WANT SHARKS ... WE HAVE THE REPELLANT AND I'M READY FOR ANOTHER DIVE!

COME ON, SKIP, WE'LL HAVE TO RISK THOSE SHARKS. IF WE CAN CATCH A BIG ROLLER AS IT COMES THROUGH THE GAP, WE CAN RIDE IT RIGHT INTO THE MAINLAND!

HANG ON, SKIP, THERE'S A BIG BRUTE FOLLOWING US. BUT HE CAN'T DO MORE THAN THIRTY KNOTS, AND ON THIS WAVE I RECKON WE CAN DO THE SAME.

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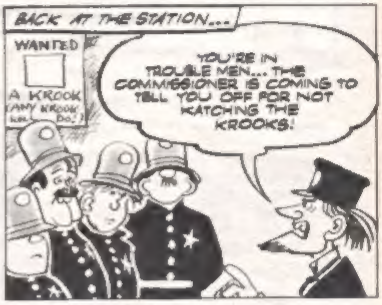
More thrills in next week's Skippy adventure.

Bob Monkhouse's MAD MOVIES

featuring The Keystone Kops

MINUTES LATER...
THEY'VE GONE!... IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THEY KNEW WE WERE COMING!
YEAH! THAT'S THE THIRD TIME THIS WEEK THEY'VE ESCAPED US!


BACK AT THE STATION...
WANTED
A KROOK
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE MEN... THE COMMISSIONER IS COMING TO TELL YOU OFF FOR NOT KATCHING THE KROOKS!

MEANWHILE, JUST OUTSIDE...
DOC MAGIC AND HIS MIRACLE CURES
ROLL UP, FOLKS... BUY A BOTTLE OF MIRACLE MUK... IT SOOTHES PAIN... CURES CORNS.. MENDS BROKEN CHINA...

LATER...
THESE BOTTLES OF STUFF I BOUGHT WILL PUT A SHINE ON YOUR BOOTS ...AT LEAST YOU'LL LOOK SMART WHEN THE COMMISSIONER COMES!

MINUTES LATER...
I THOUGHT THAT MIRACLE MUK WAS SUPPOSED TO POLISH OUR BOOTS...? IT'S ROTTED THEM AWAY INSTEAD!
YIKE! I'VE BEEN SWINDLED!

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Kalamities with the Keystone Kops next week.

DOCTOR WHO

DR. WHO, John and Gillian have encountered the Jokers, four hideous gnomes who delight in deadly practical jokes. Their latest prank has been to start a game of tennis with a glass ball which will explode if it smashes. The Doctor refuses to be bullied into playing and allows the ball to hurtle towards the ground ..

YOU ALMOST KILLED US ALL, DOCTOR! HE! HE!

BANG

VERY AMUSING!

I'VE HIT IT JUST OUT OF RANGE, I HOPE! HE! HE!

BOOM

NOTHING LIKE A NICE GAME OF DEATH TENNIS AS WE CALL IT! HE! HE!

I'M BORED WITH THESE CHILDISH JOKES. LET US SHOW OUR VISITORS SOMETHING MORE INTERESTING!

I THINK THEY'RE GETTING READY FOR THE KILL... IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE THEY FINISH US!

THE JOKERS LEAD THEIR PREY TO AN OLD DISUSED FAIRGROUND...

YOU'VE HEARD THE EXPRESSION "ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR." HE! HE! LET'S TRY THE BIG DIPPER SHALL WE? HE! HE!

BIG DIPPER

WE DON'T APPEAR TO HAVE ANY CHOICE!

BE OUR GUESTS FOR A TRIP ALONG THE SCENIC RAILWAY... I'M AFRAID THE TRUCK IS A LITTLE RICKETY! HE! HE!

IT- IT'S ALMOST F-FALLING TO BITS, DOCTOR!

WE'LL GIVE YOU A PUSH... JUST TO BE FRIENDLY! HE! HE!

COURAGE, CHILDREN... COURAGE!

THOSE FIENDS HAVE SENT US ON A RIDE TO OUR DOOM... THE WHEELS ARE LOOSE!

HAR! HAR! HAR!

SKREECH

AH! WE'RE GOING DOWN ONTO THE AXLE!

SHE'S GOING OVER... MAKE A JUMP FOR THE TRACK WHEN I GIVE THE WORD!

HEH! HEH!

TRY TO GRASP THE RAIL!

SQUEEM

MADE IT!

WHAT A JUMP!

I HAVE AN IDEA WHICH WILL ADD EVEN MORE TO THE HUMOUR OF THIS HYSTERICAL SITUATION!

HE! HE! LOOK AT THEM DANGLING LIKE HELPLESS FLIES FROM OUR METAL WEB!

LET'S JUMP ON THEIR HANDS TILL THEY DROP! HAR! HAR! HAR!

AH!

UH!

AH! I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!

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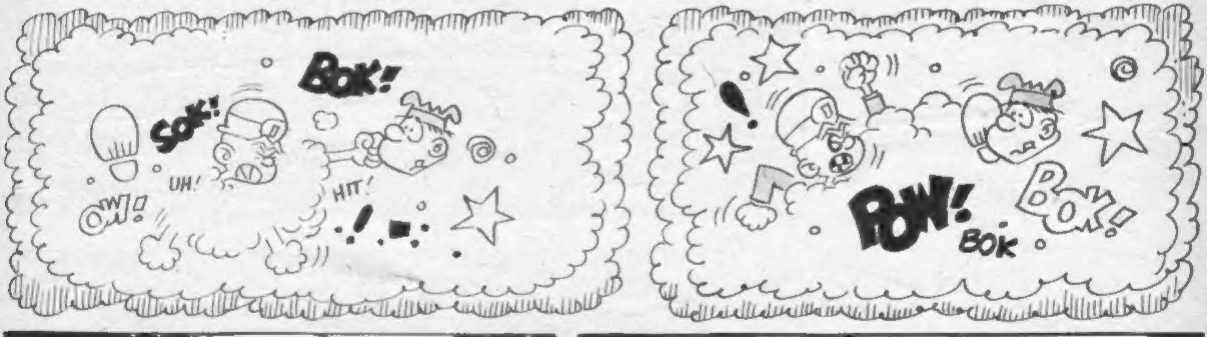
Will the Jokers have the last laugh? See next week!

BEETLE BAILEY

I DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK LT. FUZZ'S SWAGGER STICK! I DIDN'T MEAN TO!..I REALLY DIDN'T!
BOY! IS LT. FUZZ MAD AT YOU FOR STEPPING ON HIS SWAGGER STICK!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SNAP IT!
SO WHAT? HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO BEAT YOU TO A PULP ANYWAY!
I'M ONLY A SERGEANT AND HE'S A LIEUTENANT... IT'S NOT FAIR IF HE HITS ME..

IF I HIT HIM BACK HE CAN COURT MARTIAL ME!
BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING! HERE HE COMES!
DEFEND YOURSELF SARGE!
DON'T HIT ME BACK OR I'LL HAVE YOU COURT MARTIALLED!
I PROMISE NOT TO LIFT A FINGER, SIR!
TAKE THAT FOR A START!



YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, SNORKEL!
BUT YOU CAN'T COURT MARTIAL HIM! HE NEVER HIT YOU!
I KNOW! BUT HE TENSED UP! THAT'S WHAT HURT ME, HITTING ALL THOSE TENSED UP MUSCLES!

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More military merriment with Beetle Bailey next week!

HOW

How long has man been wearing shoes?

EVER since Egyptian times as can be seen from this statue of Rameses II who lived over 3,300 years ago. The first type of sandal was produced at this time and was made from papyrus, a kind of paper made out of reeds. It was of simple design, a flat sole with a tie-over arrangement extending up the leg to keep the shoe in place. This developed into the Egyptian hunting boot, which had a very thick heel. Leather was used for the first time in Roman days when boots were made.

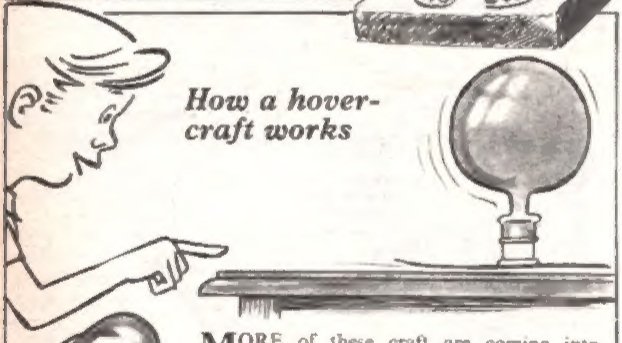
From early times the Orientals seem to have held the reputation as the best shoe makers. They excelled in making beautiful slippers. Shoes were first worn in Europe in the Medieval era, but it was not until the end of the 14th century that shoes were worn by the majority of people.

How do we "get down to brass tacks"?

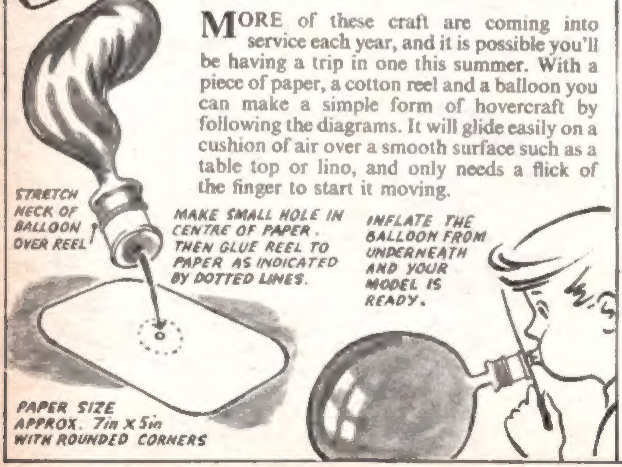
WHEN people talk of getting down to brass tacks, they mean they're getting down to business, or facing facts. "Brass Tacks" is simply part of the famous Cockney rhyming slang, and rhymes with the word FACTS. Other amusing Cockney phrases that have passed into common use are:

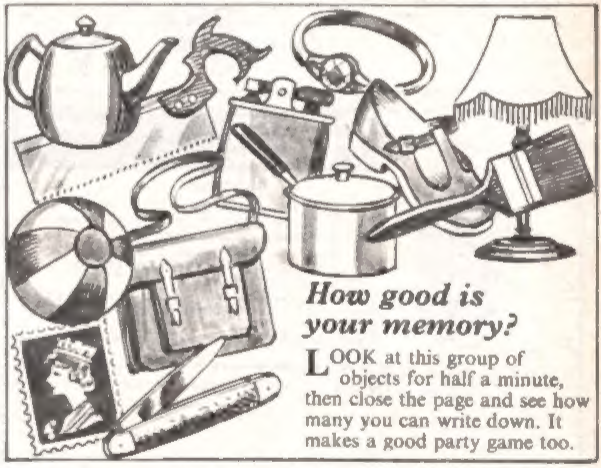
APPLES AND PEARS —Stairs
PLATES OF MEAT —Feet
BEES AND HONEY —Money
BALL OF CHALK —Walk
WHISTLE AND FLUTE—Suit.

How a hover-craft works



MORE of these craft are coming into service each year, and it is possible you'll be having a trip in one this summer. With a piece of paper, a cotton reel and a balloon you can make a simple form of hovercraft by following the diagrams. It will glide easily on a cushion of air over a smooth surface such as a table top or lino, and only needs a flick of the finger to start it moving.


STRETCH NECK OF BALLOON OVER REEL
MAKE SMALL HOLE IN CENTRE OF PAPER. THEN GLUE REEL TO PAPER AS INDICATED BY DOTTED LINES.
INFLATE THE BALLOON FROM UNDERNEATH AND YOUR MODEL IS READY.
PAPER SIZE APPROX. 7in X 5in WITH ROUNDED CORNERS

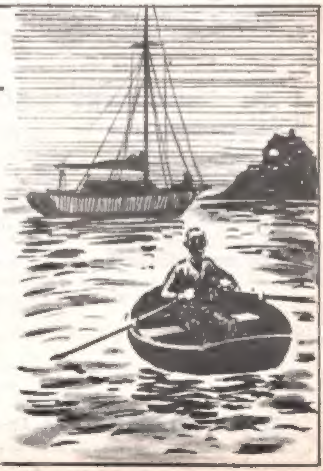


How good is your memory?

LOOK at this group of objects for half a minute, then close the page and see how many you can write down. It makes a good party game too.

How is phosphor-escence caused?

ON some summer nights the ripples on the sea appear to flash with a bluish light. This is caused by the dead animal and vegetable matter being slowly oxidised, that is to say, burning up without heat. This causes the blue flashes which appear more clearly on some nights than others.



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More facts and fun next week.

ANOTHER BIG NEW TASTE FROM WALL'S!

Wall's WOPPA NOW! WITH BIG TWIN-TASTES!

ORANGE and LEMON
RASPBERRY and ORANGE
CHOCOLATE and BANANA

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THIS DRAWING HAS TWO MEANINGS ONE IS EASY TO GET— THE OTHER IS CRAZY!
WONDER-WOT?
Answer: Over-fed bat

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More jokes next week.

BASIL BRUSH
PITY WE 'AVEN'T GOT SOMETHING TO H'ATTRACT THE PUBLIC TO THIS H'ANCESTRAL 'OME, GUV... WE COULD MAKE A BOB OR TWO...
ANIMALS ON SHOW AT LO
CHUMMERS OLD CHAP, YOU'RE BRILLIANT, YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA... FOLLOW ME!
REAL JOLLY OLD LIONS ARE EXPENSIVE, BUT YOU'LL LOOK JUST AS GOOD DRESSED IN THIS LION-SKIN RUG!
WIV ALL THE DUST FLOATING ABOUT, PEOPLE WILL BE LUCKY TO SEE ME H'AT ALL!
I FEEL A RIGHT CHARLIE DRESSED H'UP LIKE THIS, GUV...
BRUSH MANOR OPEN TO PUBLIC
LION ON VIEW
NEVER MIND, CHUMMERS. THIS IS ONE SURE-FIRE WAY FOR US TO MAKE SOME JOLLY OLD LOLLY
BUT A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY!...
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! A LION'S ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO!
HELP! S-C-R-E-A-M! LOOKOUT - A LION!
I COULD CATCH ME DEATH OF COLD CRAWLING ABOUT LIKE THIS, GUV!
GREAT ANGRY ANCESTORS! DO STOP COMPLAINING, CHUMMERS! NOW I'M GOING TO DRESS UP TOO!
COR! THIS IS PLAYING 'AVOC WIV MY LUMBAGO! WONDER WHAT THE GUV MEANT BY GOING TO DRESS UP TOO?...
RRRROOAARRRRR!
LUVVUS, GUV! THAT'S A GOOD COSTUME... I DIDN'T REALISE YOU 'AD H'ANOTHER LION SKIN.
BUT...
GREAT FABULOUS FOXES! I LOOK JOLLY HANDSOME IN THIS BIG WHITE HUNTER COSTUME... HAW-HAW... WON'T CHUMMERS BE SURPRISED?
BUT CHUMMERS HAS ALREADY HAD A SURPRISE...
OOOOOER! 'ELP! IT'S A REAL LION!
ZOO
GOT YOU! IT'S BACK TO THE ZOO FOR YOU, MY LAD!
OUT OF THE WAY! I'M H'ABOUT TO BREAK THE SOUND BARRIER!
'ERE! YOU'RE NOT OUR LION!
ZOO
OF COURSE NOT! 'E'S IN THE GROUNDS! BUT NEVER FEAR, MY GUVNOR WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM ALL RIGHT!
AND, BRAVE AS ALWAYS, BASIL HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL...
GREAT BLUSHING BRUSHES! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO EMBARRASSED IN ALL MY JOLLY OLD LIFE!
NEVER MIND, GUV! YOU WANTED TO H'ATTRACT THE PUBLIC AND MAKE YOUR FORTUNE... H'AND WE'RE CERTAINLY DOING THAT!
COME AND SEE THE BRAVE WHITE HUNTER
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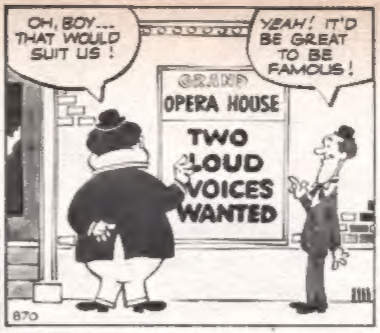

SO, IN THE OPERA HOUSE MANAGER'S OFFICE.
EXCUSE ME... WE'VE COME ALONG BECAUSE OF YOUR ADVERTISEMENT FOR TWO LOUD VOICES!
GOOD SHOW! LET ME HEAR YOU...

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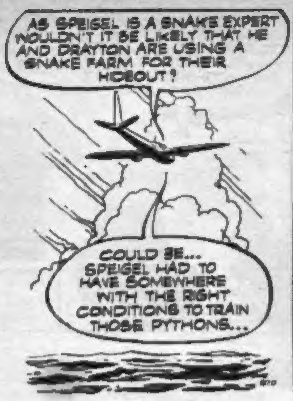
Next week more slapstick fun with Laurel and Hardy.

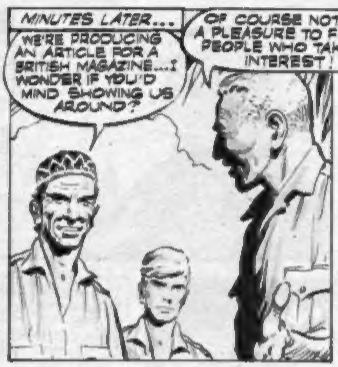
ORLANDO

PAUL DRAYTON, brains of an outfit smuggling diamonds into Britain from Africa, has been broken out of jail by snake expert Klem Speigel. The two men fly off for a secret destination in Africa. Some hours later, Orlando and Steve Morgan catch a plane and follow them . . .

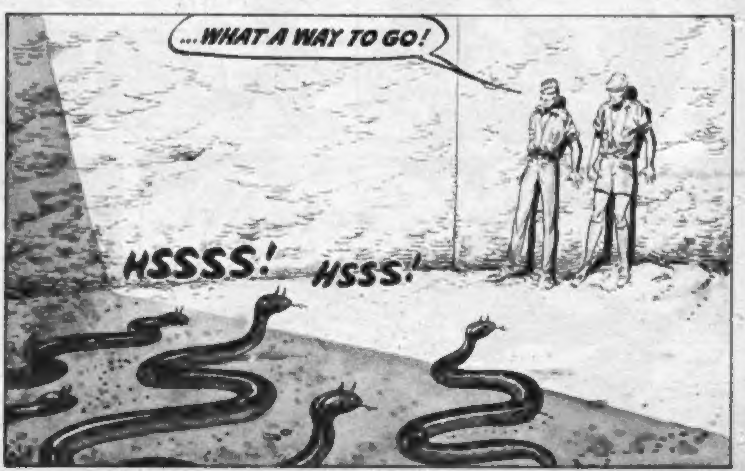

AS SPEIGEL IS A SNAKE EXPERT WOULDN'T IT BE LIKELY THAT HE AND DRAYTON ARE USING A SNAKE FARM FOR THEIR HIDEOUT?
COULD BE... SPEIGEL HAD TO HAVE SOMEWHERE WITH THE RIGHT CONDITIONS TO TRAIN THOSE PYTHONS...

YOU'D THINK THERE'D BE HUNDREDS OF SNAKE FARMS IN A PLACE LIKE AFRICA... AS IT HAPPENS THERE AREN'T VERY MANY AND THEY'RE NOT SPREAD OVER A LARGE AREA!
WE'LL CHECK 'EM OUT ONE BY ONE... YOU NEVER KNOW, MAYBE YOUR HUNCH WILL BEAR FRUIT!

FOUR DAYS LATER, AFTER SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ENQUIRIES, ORLANDO AND STEVE ARRIVE AT THE ZANUBEE SNAKE FARM...
WELL WHEN WE'VE CHECKED THIS ONE PAL, THERE'S ONLY ANOTHER THIRTY FIVE TO GO!
ORLANDO! I MUST TELL DRAYTON TO HIDE WHILE I DO THE TALKING... I WILL NOT BE RECOGNISED!


MINUTES LATER...
WE'RE PRODUCING AN ARTICLE FOR A BRITISH MAGAZINE... I WONDER IF YOU'D MIND SHOWING US AROUND?
OF COURSE NOT! IT'S A PLEASURE TO FIND OTHER PEOPLE WHO TAKE AN INTEREST

OUR CONTACT AT THE MINE IS EXPECTING US... HE HAS ANOTHER CONSIGNMENT OF DIAMONDS FOR US TO SMUGGLE INTO BRITAIN!
GOOD!... BY THE TIME WE RETURN ORLANDO AND HIS SIDE-KICK WILL BE DEAD!



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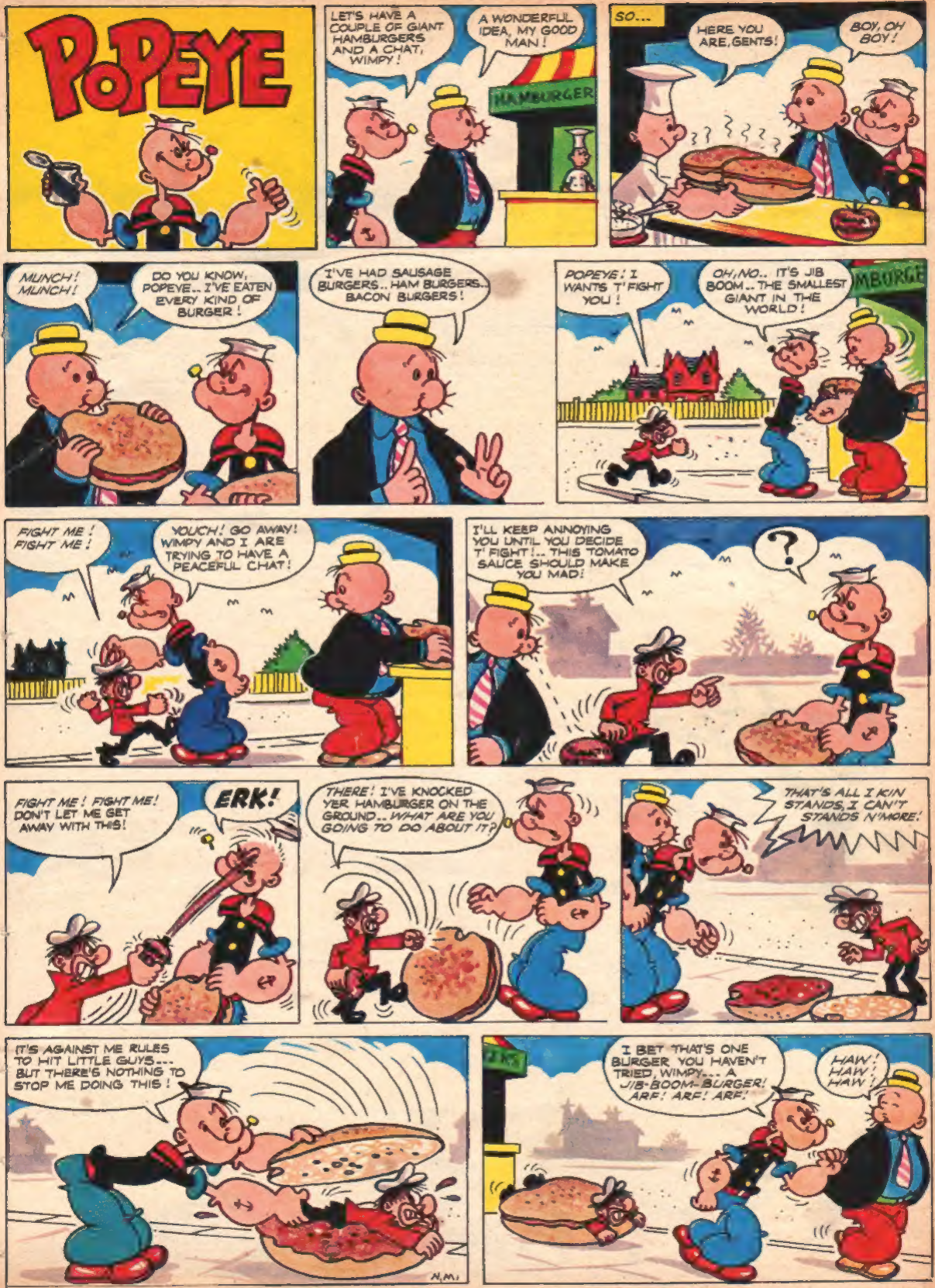
POPEYE
LET'S HAVE A COUPLE OF GIANT HAMBURGERS AND A CHAT, WIMPY!
A WONDERFUL IDEA, MY GOOD MAN!
HAMBURGER
SO...
HERE YOU ARE, GENTS!
BOY, OH BOY!
MUNCH! MUNCH!
DO YOU KNOW, POPEYE.. I'VE EATEN EVERY KIND OF BURGER!
I'VE HAD SAUSAGE BURGERS.. HAM BURGERS.. BACON BURGERS!
POPEYE! I WANTS T' FIGHT YOU!
OH, NO.. IT'S JIB BOOM.. THE SMALLEST GIANT IN THE WORLD!
FIGHT ME! FIGHT ME!
YOUCH! GO AWAY! WIMPY AND I ARE TRYING TO HAVE A PEACEFUL CHAT!
I'LL KEEP ANNOYING YOU UNTIL YOU DECIDE T' FIGHT!.. THIS TOMATO SAUCE SHOULD MAKE YOU MAD!
?
FIGHT ME! FIGHT ME! DON'T LET ME GET AWAY WITH THIS!
ERK!
THERE! I'VE KNOCKED YER HAMBURGER ON THE GROUND.. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
THAT'S ALL I KIN STANDS, I CAN'T STANDS N'MORE!
IT'S AGAINST ME RULES TO HIT LITTLE GUYS... BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP ME DOING THIS!
I BET THAT'S ONE BURGER YOU HAVEN'T TRIED, WIMPY... A JIB-BOOM-BURGER! ARF! ARF! ARF!
HAW! HAW! HAW!

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